CLAIMS

- 1. A method of immunizing an individual, comprising administering into the individual a DNA transcriptional unit which comprises DNA encoding a desired antigen or antigens thereby eliciting a humoral and cell-mediated immune response against the desired antigen or antigens.
- The method of Claim 1, wherein the desired antigen or antigens are from infectious agent or agents.
- 3. The method of Claim 2, wherein the infectious agent or agents is a virus or viruses.
- 4. The method of Claim 3, wherein the virus is an influenza virus.
- 5. The method of Claim 4, wherein the influenza virus is hemagglutinin.
- 6. The method of Claim 5, wherein the hemagglutinin is H7 hemagglutinin.
- 7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual is a mammal.
- 8. The method of Claim 7, wherein the mammal is a human.

- 9. The method of Claim 1, wherein the individual is avian.
- 10. The method of Claim 9, wherein the avian is a chicken.
- 11. A method of immunizing an individual against an infectious agent, comprising administering into the individual a DNA transcriptional unit which comprises DNA encoding a desired antigen or antigens from an infectious agent or agents, thereby eliciting a humoral or cell-mediated immune response or both against the desired antigen or antigens, whereby the individual is protected from disease caused by the infectious agent or agents.
- 12. The method of Claim 11, wherein the infectious agent or agents is a virus or viruses.
- 13. The method of Claim 12, wherein the virus is an influenza virus.
- 14. The method of Claim 13, wherein the influenza virus is hemagglutinin.
- 15. The method of Claim 14, wherein the hemagglutinin is H7 hemagglutinin.
- 16. The method of Claim 11, wherein the individual is a mammal.

- 17. The method of Claim 16, wherein the mammal is a human.
- 18. The method of Claim 11, wherein the individual is avian.
- 19. The method of Claim 18, wherein the avian is a chicken.